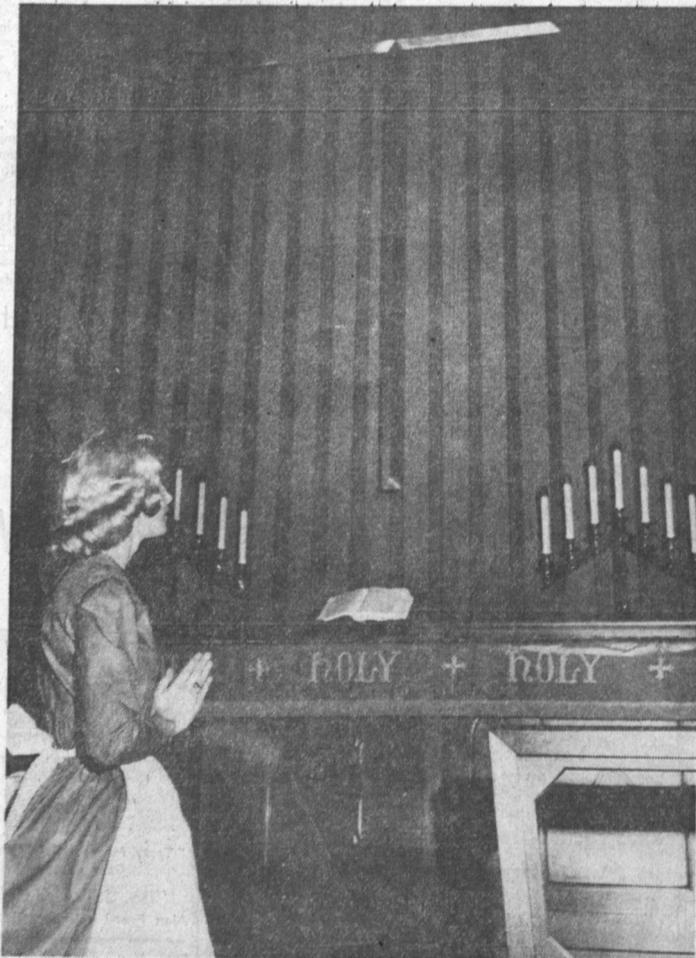
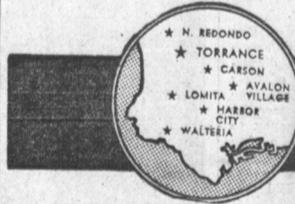


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FOR WHAT WE HAVE—Miss Torrance Press prays this Thanksgiving day that what we have may become more abundant for all. She also prays that we be more perfectly appreciative of what we have. —Press Photo



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Crossing Guard, 2 Tots Struck Down

Restrictions Eased... and Extended

Downtown Torrance today is hailing a blessing and up in arms over a curse, each a result of an order by police Chief Percy G. Bennett.

In response to complaints from merchants and shoppers, Bennett ordered Meterettes to void parking tickets if the driver appears while they are being written. This has proved an advantage to many patrons fighting time in the stores.

At the same time, enforcement of meter restrictions was extended from 5 to 6 p.m.

This came as an unexpected blow to drivers who till now were accustomed to freedom after 5. The law keeps the meters operative till 6, but up to this week Meterettes departed the area an hour before expiration time.

Press Classified Ads Get Fastest and Top Results

Robert E. Trudel of 27113 Shorewood Rd., Rolling Hills, advertised his '58 Chrysler in Sunday's Torrance Press and immediately sold it for the asking price.

Although he had many calls, he disposed of the car right away, which is typical of experiences reported by classified users — if they use Press classified, that is.



SPRUCING UP—Officer Don Hartel dusts off police radar car that will go into operation officially Tuesday. Car, formerly green and white, was ordered painted by Council. —Press Photo

H. R. Mickelson Killed by Car; Rites Conducted

Hedwin Reynolds Mickelson, 50, a truck driver with the Torrance Street Department, died Tuesday. He was struck by a car near his home, 23536 Arlington Ave., Sunday.

He leaves his wife, Betsy, three sons, Rodney of Torrance, Dorial of Florida, and Odell, who lives in Minnesota; a daughter, Ione, of Torrance; and his mother, Erika, of Minnesota.

Services were conducted yesterday from Halverson - Leavell Mortuary Chapel, the Rev. William J. Rolander officiating. Burial will be in Roseau, Minn.

Parents of Carol Anderson's fifth grade class at Arlington School helped their youngsters celebrate Thanksgiving by providing refreshments and showing how the Pilgrim mothers made clothes for their families.

Youngsters and parents munched turkey sandwiches Tuesday while the parents showed children how the Pilgrims knitted and wove clothes.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord, behold our family here assembled.
We thank Thee
For this place in which we dwell;
For the peace accorded us this day,
For the hope with which we expect tomorrow;
For the health, the work, the food and the bright skies that make our lives delightful.
For our friends in all parts of the earth, and our friendly helpers
Let peace abound in our small company.

Police Traffic Radar Car to Go Into Operation Dec. 1

The police department's radar traffic car will go into official operation Dec. 1.

The car, a '56 Chevy, is freshly painted black and white in order of the City Council. It has been fitted with a red light so the officer operating the car will be equipped for other emergencies, but the vehicle will not generally be used for a chase.

Still to come is a loud speaker with which the radar officer will instruct a motorcycle rider parked close by.

During this month the radar equipment has been used in stopping about 450 drivers for excessive speed. No citations were issued on strength of radar, but motorists were asked how they felt about being checked by the unit, whether or not they thought it would cut speeding and accidents, and if it would change their driving outlook and habits.

In all cases, replies were affirmative. Many accepted invitations to inspect the machine and raise questions.

The car will be in operation at various hours throughout the day and will give special attention to areas with high accident rates or where residents com-

plain of high speed. No attempt will be made to conceal the car. The way to be sure of immunity to radar's effects, said Lt. Don Nash, head of the traffic division, is either to avoid it or hold to the speed limit.

There is a probability that use of the car will result in boosting speed limits to more realistic levels on some streets.

Interested church, civic, or social groups wishing a demonstration of the unit may call Lt. Nash or Officer Don Hartel of the traffic division.

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North Torrance is one of three Harbor units with more than 100 per cent already collected and its percentage of 112.14 puts it out front in the race for the J. A. Robinson trophy, awarded annually to the unit with the highest percentage of quota.

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Near-Tragedy at Hanging Traffic Light

Guard Felled in Move to Protect Children

A crossing guard and two children were struck down by a pickup truck on Torrance Blvd. at Fern Ave. shortly after noon yesterday.

The driver, Harry Wesley Erwin, 62, a Long Beach construction foreman, will be cited on a charge of running a red light. The signal is a hanging type — the kind continually under fire in the City Council as a menace.

The victims were Ruth Ballard, the guard, of 1221 Engracia, and Danny Peterson, 9, of 811 Elm and Deborah Flemons, 9, of 804 Cerise.

Mrs. Ballard was injured only slightly and attended by a physician. The children were taken to Harbor General Hospital.

The children suffered cuts and bruises. Mrs. Ballard apparently was not struck directly but was thrown to the ground protecting the youngsters. Deborah was being x-rayed at the hospital for possible internal injury.

The accident was investigated by Officers Glyn Boyce and James Kirby.

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cent; Wilmington has 100.96.

Harbor area also has a grip on the Morrill trophy which goes to the best-organized area.

The trophy was awarded to area chairman Jim Becker. Harbor area has led in recruitment since the start of the campaign, and still is leading with 96.63 per cent of its 5264 workers enrolled. Nearest rival is San Fernando Valley, with 96.47 per cent.

Teacher Records Pupils' Work

Parents of children in Roy Rork's eighth-grade class at Arlington School hear their children in action during parent-teacher conferences now under way.

Rork makes a recording of the child working in class — reading, reciting, or explaining some of his work. This way, parents and the teacher can see and hear the child's work and plan for improvement, Rork reported.

HIGH SCHOOL TO PRESENT FAMOUS PLAY

The senior class of Torrance High School will present a famous comedy, "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay," Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The play is based on the best-selling novel by Cornelia Otis Skinner and Emily Kimbrough. Carol Mathis won the role of Cornelia and Nancy Osborne the role of Emily.

Other members of the cast are Jim Pritchard, Carol Johnson, Gary Blakley, Bill Miller, Gary Van De Wetering, Jim White, Phil Cosby, Vi Luceyo, Vicki Hippik, Noel Shire, Linda Hofer, Barbara Adams, Brooke Linderman, and Carol Vorhis.

Promoter Asks Zone Change for \$500,000 Ski Run Here

The city Planning Commission is studying a proposal to build a 332-foot ski run on a hill south of Pacific Coast Highway, east of Richville St.

The plans, submitted by John Mascola of 1635 Flower St., call for the ski run to operate all year. The course would be enclosed, and skiers would skim along a track of artificial snow a foot deep.

The planning group was told this would be the first of its kind in the nation. Cost of the project will be \$500,000. The main building is designed to contain a lounge, coffee shop, service space, and offices.

Proprietors are asking a zone variance from agriculture to commercial use.

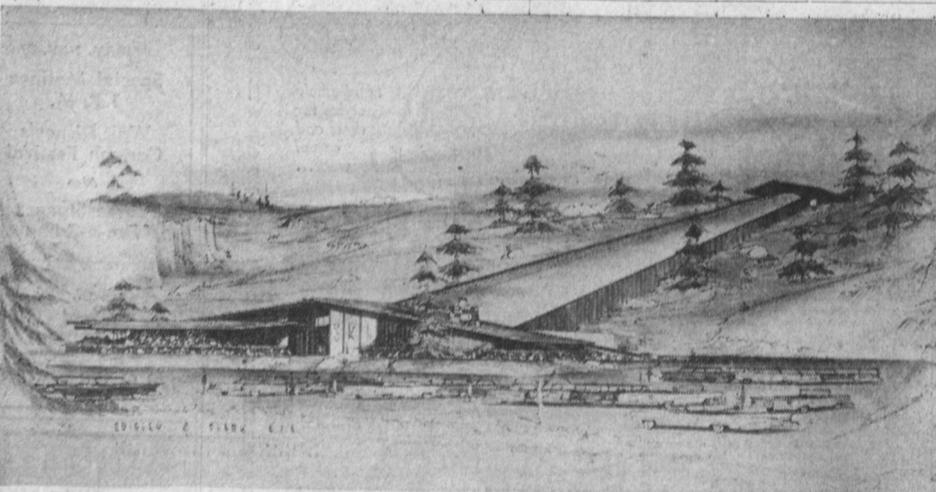
Pvt. Bob Wheeler Lands in France

Army Pvt. Robert W. Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald R. Wheeler, 22122 Ravenna Ave., recently landed in France and is now a member of the U.S. Army General Depot.

Wheeler, a transportation specialist, entered the army last May. He attended E. H. Banning High School in Wilmington.

Aeronca Aide Named by Personnel Group

Jack Linsie, director of industrial relations for Aeronca Manufacturing Corp., has been elected president of the American Society for Personnel Administration.



LET IT SNOW—Architect's conception of ski run, the first in the United States, is shown above. Rezoning of the land to permit construction is under study by the city's Planning Commission. Cost of construction would be \$500,000.

New Torrance Press Building Under Construction

Construction started this week on a new quarter-million-dollar building to house all departments of the greater new Torrance Press, it was announced by William R. Zappas, publisher.

The building, to be situated across from the new Sears-Torrance shopping center, will occupy a site at 3238 Sepulveda Blvd., just east of Madrona.

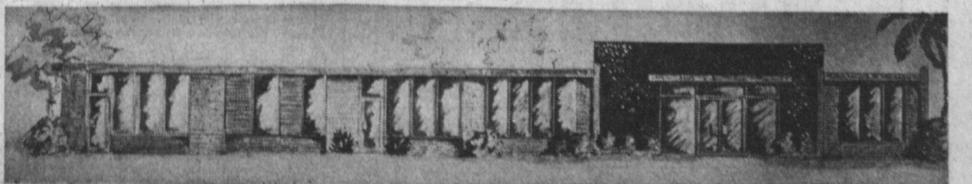
The structure will house this paper's new presses, composing room, classified and display advertising departments, circulation, accounting, public-service facilities, expanded photographic division, and editorial area. Room has been set aside for a wide expansion of

The Press's operation and to more than double the number of employees.

Construction will be in slumstone, glass, and mosaic with interiors of new vinyl wall covering. The building will contain well over 10,000 square feet.

Ample space has been set aside for staff, customer, and visitor parking. The structure will feature a spacious executive offices and employee lounge room.

The contractor is E. A. Al Beckman of Compton. Completion of the new building has been scheduled for February. It will be the most modern newspaper plant in the nation.



NEW TORRANCE PRESS—Artist's rendering shows facade of new Press building, to be the most up-to-date in the nation. Building, to be completed in February, will house new presses, all departments, and provide ample parking space.